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SUBJECT: HONG KONG COMMUNIST PAPER ON TAIWAN AND THE SOVIETS

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1. AMONG ITS COMMENTAIRES AND NEWS ITEMS COMMEMORATING THE FEBRUARY 28, 1947 TAIWAN UPRISING, THE HONG KONG PRC-OWNED TA KUNG PAO FEBRUARY 26 FRONT-PAGED A LOCALLY-WRITTEN ARTICLE WHICH WARNS OF SOVIE DESIGNS ON TAIWAN. CLAIMING THAT SOME "CHIANG CLIQUE" OFFICIALS ARE INTERESTED IN AN ALLIANCE WITH THE SOVIETS, THE ARTICLES STATED THAT THE "BROAD MASSES OF TAIWAN COMPATRIOTS, INCLUDING THE INTELLIGENT PEOPLE WITHIN THE CHIANG CLIQUE" HAVE DENOUNCED ALLEGED PRO-SOVIET GRC OFFICIALS. THE AUTHOR ALSO BARKED BACK TO THE TRANSITING OF THE TAIWAN STRAITS BY SOVIET SHIPS AS PROOF OF MOSCOW'S "OBVIOUS THREAT AND AGGRESSION AGAINST

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TAIWAN."

2. COMMENT: THIS RARE REFERENCE IN PRC-CONTROLLED MEDIA TO THE SOVIET NAVY'S TRANSITING OF THE TAIWAN STRAITS AND TO THE CONTENTION OF A SOVIET THREAT TO TAIWAN IS INTRIGUING GIVEN PEKING'S CURENT DEEMPHASIS ON THE SOVIET THREAT TO CHINA (PROPER). THE WRITER IMPLIES THAT SOME ROC OFFICIALS AT ONE TIME TOYED WITH CONSIDERATION OF SUCH "ABSURDITIES" AS "CHANGING ALLIES," RIDICULES THE IDEA OF TAIWAN'S ADOPTING A PRO-SOVIET POLICY BUT STOPS SHORT OF ANY MENTION, ENDORSING OR OTHERWISE, THE TAIWAN-US RELATIONSHIP. IN LINE WITH THE PRC'S CONCILIATORY POLICY TOWARD "COMPATRIOTS" ON TAIWAN AND LIAO CHENG-CHIH'S RECENT ASSERTION THAT "PATRIOTS ARE MANY, TRAITORS ARE BUT FEW" (REF A), THE AUTHOR MAKES CLEAR THAT ANY IN TAIWAN WHO WOULD CONSIDER A SO-CALLED SOVIET OPTION UNMISTAKABLY FALL INTO THE LATTER CATEGORY.

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